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Medical Library Assistance Extension Act of 1969 Passes the House

By a record vote of 369 to 3, the U.S. House of Representatives, on July 10, 1969, passed H.R. 11702, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve and extend the provisions relating to assistance to medical libraries and related instrumentalities. The U.S. Senate has two versions of the Bill, S.2549, the Yarborough Bill, which calls for a five-year extension of the Act and authorizes support in the amount of $42 million a year, and the Dominick Bill, S.2239, which calls for a one-year extension, with no authorization amount specified.

H.R. 11702 extends for three years - from June 30, 1970, to June 30, 1973 - the current programs providing financial assistance for: construction of medical library facilities; training of biomedical librarians and information specialists for service and research; and expansion and improvement of health library resources. Federal assistance is also continued for projects of research and health communications, related special scholarly scientific projects, for development of regional medical library programs, and biomedical scientific publications projects.

The Act authorizes support in the amount of $21 million a year for each of the three years of the extension. Authorizations for the three years are at the same level as for FY 1970. Programs covered include, for each fiscal year: facilities construction - $10 million; training in medical library sciences - $1 million; scientific projects funding - $500,000; research and development in medical library sciences - $3 million; improvement and expanding medical library resources - $3 million; and regional medical libraries - $2 1/2 million. The total authorization is $63 million for the three fiscal years at $21 million per year.

Most of the bill consists of technical amendments to the existing act to insure that the administration and operation of the programs conforms to the original intent of the Congress as expressed in 1955, when it authorized a program of grants and contracts to help the Nation's medical libraries expand their vital services to the health community. These programs (listed above) are administered by the National Library of Medicine and are available to public and private non-profit institutions. Awards are also available to individuals for fellowships, and special scientific projects.

A "medical library" is defined by the Act as a library devoted to the sciences related to health -- medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, public health, and related applied and fundamental sciences. Eligible institutions may include, but are not

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NLM Awards

A 30-year service award, a group award, quality increases, and suggestions awards were featured at the Second Annual NLM Awards Ceremony in the Billings Auditorium on July 9, 1969. Dr. Martin M. Cummings, NLM Director, presented awards to those NLM members who had received them during the past fiscal year (July 1, 1968 through June 30, 1969), or who had reached a significant milestone in their Federal career as of December 31, 1968. Mr. John Land of the NLM Personnel Office read the citations.

Dr. Cummings presented a 30-year service pin to Mr. Jacob Koch of the Office of Computer and Engineering Services, and 20-year pins to Dr. G. Burroughs Mider, Assistant to the Director for Medical Program Development and Evaluation, Dr. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director for Library Operations, and seven others. There were eleven Quality Increases and seven Superior Accomplishment Awards, including one Group Cash Award to the eleven members of the NLM Administrative Services Section for their outstanding performance throughout the year. Three beneficial suggestion awards and six 10-year service pins were also presented during the program.

Regents Elect New Chairman

Mr. Alfred R. Zipf, executive vice-president of the Bank of America, was elected chairman of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine during their thirty-third meeting, June 19-20, at the Library.

For three members of the Board, it was their final meeting. Dr. Stewart G. Wolf, outgoing chairman, and Dr. William B. Bean were appointed to the Board in 1965. The third member making his final appearance was Dr. William H. Stewart, the Surgeon General, Public Health Service, attending his last NLM Board of Regents meeting prior to his retirement.

After the first day's session, a dinner attended by the Regents, NLM staff, and special guests was held at the Officers' Club of the National Naval Medical Center. Mr. Bruno Augenstein was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Rand's Experience in Working on Urban Problems for New York City."

In the final executive session the following day, Mr. Zipf was elected chairman of the board, succeeding Dr. Wolf. The first non-physician to be elected to this post, he is a banker by profession. His training and background include engineering and computer sciences, two fields of increasing interest to the Library.

The 51-year-old Bank of America official was appointed a member of the Board of Regents on February 21, 1967, by the President of the United States. A native of Buffalo, New York, Mr. Zipf joined the Bank of America in Los Angeles in 1935. Having

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Conquest of TB Featured in New Exhibit

"Historical Highlights in the Conquest of Tuberculosis" is the theme of the new exhibit in the NLM lobby.

Tuberculosis has been known variously through the ages as scrofula, phthisis, consumption, the Wasting Disease, the White Plague -- terms vividly descriptive of its deadly course. Featured on the Library's exhibit poster is a reproduction of an engraving by Robert White (1645-1703) which depicts Charles II bestowing "the king's touch" on afflicted subjects; this was long believed to cure "scrofula."

The exhibit reflects progress toward modern cures and preventive measures in portraits of many scientists who helped to discover the course and treatment of tuberculosis, such as Robert Koch, who first described the tubercle bacillus, Laënnec, inventor of the stethoscope in 1819, and Clemens von Pirquet, who devised the cutaneous tuberculin test for the detection of tuberculosis. Also on display are some of the publications which were milestones in the conquest of tuberculosis.

Rounding out the exhibit is an audio tape made by the late Dr. William Henry Welch of Johns Hopkins University during the 50th anniversary celebration of Robert Koch's great discovery.

The exhibit, to remain until September 5, is open to the public during the Library's regular hours: 8:30 - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

NLM Staff Honored at NIH

Two Library staff members were among the 21 employees who received awards from Dr. Robert Q. Marston, NIH Director, at the First Annual NIH Honor Awards Ceremony, on Monday, June 30, in the Jack Masur Auditorium of the Clinical Center.

Mr. Scott Adams was the recipient of a Superior Service Honor Award "in recognition of his outstanding record in the fields of medical librarianship and information science, and for the leadership, imagination, and program planning that he has provided as Deputy Director, National Library of Medicine."

A Certificate of Honor as a DHEW Nominee, Federal Woman's Awards Committee, was presented to Dr. Ruth Davis, Director of NLM's Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications and Associate Director for Research and Development. Dr. Davis was cited for her "exceptional initiative and productivity and for her services as an outstandingly creative innovator in the application of communication sciences technology to government and for her handling of national information and educational activities."

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earned an education award from the A.P. Giannini Foundation, he studied engineering at the University of California at Los Angeles, 1951-53. When he resumed his banking career in 1953, he headed the group which installed the first large-scale, general-purpose computing system in any banking institution. He was named vice-president in charge of systems and equipment research in 1957 and administrative officer for operations in 1960.

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In 1964 he became senior vice-president and executive officer with responsibility for long-range planning and direction of the bank's over-all operations. He was appointed to his present post of executive vice-president in December 1965. He was appointed a member of the Managing Committee and a member of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the Bank of America.

Publications

The Library has published a 216-page Annotated Bibliography of Biomedical Computer Applications, prepared by the Interuniversity Communications Council, Inc. (EDUCOM), Ruth Allen, compiler. It lists bibliographies, books and monographs, and articles from journals and monographs; also included are author and subject indexes. The annotations following each reference emphasize the computer application rather than over-all methods and results. The bibliography is available for $3.00 ($0.65 microfiche) from the Clearinghouse for Federal Scientific and Technical Information, Sales Section, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151. The order number is PB 184225.

A 75-page booklet titled Pharmacy and Pharmacology: MEDLARS Indexing Instructions, by Thelma Charen, has been issued by the NLM Index Section. Prepared primarily for MEDLARS indexers and search analysts, the guide may also be of interest to biomedical librarians and others. A limited number of copies are available without charge from the Index Section, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

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limited to, schools of the health professions, hospitals, and private non-profit cooperating libraries rendering service in the interest of the public health.

Panels of non-Federal consultants review applications and make recommendations to the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine (sitting in its capacity as the National Medical Libraries Assistance Board). Those applications recommended for approval by the Board may be considered for an award.

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